

REMARKS

In the March 3, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 4-14, 18-28, and 32-42 "are allowed," but otherwise rejected claims 1-3, 15-17, and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 20020007393 to Hamel. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 4-14, 18-28, and 32-42 are allowed, and look forward to obtaining allowance of these claims. In order to expedite allowance of the application, claims 1-3, 15-17, and 29-31 have been canceled. By cancelling claims 1-3, 15-17, and 29-31 from further consideration in this application, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the amendments are permitted under 37 CFR § 1.111(a)(2), and respectfully request that claims 4-14, 18-28, and 32-42 be allowed.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 512-338-9100.

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